

House Transportation Committee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to HJR1195

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AMEND

House Joint Resolution No. 1195*

By deleting all language before the resolving clause and by substituting instead the following language:

WHEREAS, dollars from the federal Highway Trust Fund are routinely used for non-highway purposes, or for projects only tangentially related to road construction and repair; and

WHEREAS, the increasingly popular practice of “earmarking” federal highway funds for specific local projects allows for an ever-increasing barrage of politically motivated pork barrel spending; and

WHEREAS, these egregious diversions of funds away from roads to “pork barrel” projects prove that the federal Highway Trust Fund does not adequately protect gasoline tax dollars and diverts important funding from many high-priority transportation needs; now, therefore

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all language after the resolving clause and by substituting instead the following language:

that this General Assembly urges the United States Congress to discontinue its budgetary practice of using earmarks to the Highway Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly encourages the United States Congress to return each state's fair share of Highway Fund dollars and halt its ongoing efforts to rescind additional funds from the states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be transmitted to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional delegation.